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SUBJECT: SPECIAL PAYMENTS TO MALTA

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REF: C- M(73)24, 20 MAR 73

SUMMARY: MISSION HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ARRANGE FOR US SHARE OF FIRST SPECIAL PAYMENT TO MALTA. ACTION REQUESTED: PAYMENT OF US CONTRIBUTION, AS REQUESTED IN SHAPE LETTER (QUOTED BELOW), AND INFORMATION FROM VALLETTA AS TO BANK ACCOUNT IN WHICH GOM EXPECTS PAYMENT FROM 5 NATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM SHAPE CONTROLLER:

QUOTE: 1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE, A SPECIAL CONTRIBU-
TION IS PAYABLE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO
THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA ON 14 MAY 1973.

2. THE CONTRIBUTION IS PAYABLE IN US DOLLARS THROUGH
THE TREASURY OF SHAPE AND YOU ARE INFORMED THAT THE AMOUNT,
WHICH IS TO BE ASSESSED BY YOUR AUTHORITIES IN ACCORDANCE
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WITH THE PROVISIONS OF C- M(73)24, SHOULD BE PAID TO SHAPE
ACCOUNT NO. 949.1.087855 WITH THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,

1 CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA, NEW YORK, NOT LATER THAN THE 30 APRIL 1973.

3. IN CASE PAYMENT CANNOT BE MADE EARLY ENOUGH AS TO BE AVAILABLE TO SHAPE ON 30 APRIL 1973, YOU ARE REMINDED OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8.1. OF REFERENCE. DUE TO THE URGENCY OF THIS PAYMENT, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM US OF THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. IN ORDER TO ENABLE SHAPE TO TRANSMIT THE SUM TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE US PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW THIS PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE. THIS INFORMATION IS TO INCLUDE NAME OF BANK, NUMBER AND TITLE OF ACCOUNT TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA WISHES AMOUNT TO BE CREDITED.

5. WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL TRANSMIT THIS REQUEST TO THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL SERVICES DRAWING THEIR ATTENTION ON THE EXTREME URGENCY OF THE MATTER.

(SIGNED) G. DERNOUCHAMPS
FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

UNQUOTE.

2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY BRITISH DELEGATION TO NATO THAT BANK OF ENGLAND HAS INDICATED THAT 1 APRIL 1973 PAYMENT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. US CONTRIBUTION SHOULD THEREFORE BE CALCULATED TO COVER 1 JANUARY - 30 SEP 1973.

3. COMMENT: WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT MINTOFF' S LATEST ACTIONS MAY HAVE SOME EFFECT ON THE SPECIAL PAYMENTS, WE MUST NEVERTHELESS BE PREPARED TO PAY THE 14 MAY INSTALLMENT COVERING A PERIOD FOR WHICH HE HAS ACCEPTED THE REGULAR PAYMENTS, AND SHOULD THEREFORE PROCEED TO TRANSFER THE NECESSARY FUNDS INTO SHAPE ACCOUNT AS REQUESTED. THEREAFTER, AND IF NECESSARY, THE SPECIAL PAYMENT CAN BE STOPPED AT ANY TIME BEFORE IT IS MADE BY SHAPE TO GOM ON 14 MAY. END COMMENT.

4. FOR EMBASSY VALLETTA: SINCE PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE
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UNTIL 14 MAY, IT IS NOT PARTICULARLY URGENT THAT WE TELL SHAPE MALTA' S WISHES CONCERNING THE ACCOUNT INTO WHICH THE SPECIAL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE (PARA 4 OF THE ABOVE LETTER), BUT WE WILL NEED THE MALTESE REPLY TO YOUR MARCH 28 INQUIRY AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. RUMSFELD

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